

Air Force Court-Martial Summaries

July 2017



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AIR FORCE COURT-MARTIAL SUMMARIES – July 2017 (19 Cases)

General Court-Martial Convictions

1. At Spangdahlem AB, Germany, Captain Denis M. Gueu was found guilty by officer members of sexual assault of a child and sexual abuse of a child. He was sentenced to a dismissal, confinement for 3 years, and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
2. At JB Langley-Eustis, VA, Senior Airman Jerard Simmons was found guilty by officer members of sexual assault of a child, extortion, and wrongful production of child pornography. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 12 years, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
3. At Nellis AFB, NV, Captain Kandace R. Valentine was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use of controlled substances. She was sentenced to forfeiture of \$1,500 pay per month for 3 months and a reprimand. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the adjudged sentence.
4. At Peterson AFB, CO, Staff Sergeant Michael T. Mestas was found guilty by officer members of assault consummated by a battery of a child and child endangerment. He was sentenced to confinement for 14 days, hard labor without confinement for 7 days, reduction to Airman First Class (E-3), and a reprimand. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the adjudged sentence.
5. At Buckley AFB, CO, Senior Airman LT Moore III was found guilty by military judge alone of sexual assault, assault consummated by a battery, and failure to obey a lawful order. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 3 years, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
6. At Tinker AFB, OK, Senior Airman William H. Abel was found guilty by officer members of sexual assault. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 30 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.

General Court-Martial Acquittals

7. At McConnell AFB, KS, an enlisted Airman was found guilty by officer and enlisted members of sexual assault of a child and sexual abuse of a child.

Special Court-Martial Convictions

8. At Goodfellow AFB, TX, Airman Basic Brian N. Yore was found guilty by military judge alone of drunk driving. He was sentenced to confinement for 30 days and forfeiture of \$1,000 pay. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the adjudged sentence.
9. At MacDill AFB, FL, Airman First Class Rebecca A. McKinney was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful distribution, use, and introduction of controlled substances on a military installation and wrongful possession of alcohol while underage. She was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 6 months, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority will not approve confinement in excess of 3 months.

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10. At Nellis AFB, NV, Airman First Class Robert J. Carty was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use and possession of controlled substances. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 4 months, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority will not approve confinement in excess of 75 days.

11. At Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Staff Sergeant Kharamsa Chau was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 1 month, restriction to base for 2 months, and reduction to Airman (E-2). The pretrial agreement had no effect on the adjudged sentence.

12. At F.E. Warren AFB, WY, Staff Sergeant Gregory E. Anderson Jr. was found guilty by officer and enlisted members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to reduction to Senior Airman (E-4), a fine of \$2,200 and, if the fine is not paid, confinement for 20 days, and a reprimand.

13. At Misawa AB, Japan, Airman Nathan J. Marulanda was found guilty by military judge alone of drunk and disorderly conduct, violating lawful regulations by breaking curfew and abusing over-the-counter medications, willful dereliction of duty for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked permit, providing alcohol to underage persons, and breaking restriction. He was sentenced to confinement for 4 months and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority will not approve confinement in excess of 3 months.

14. At Charleston AFB, SC, Staff Sergeant Jose A. Soto was found guilty by military judge alone of obstruction of justice, violating a lawful regulation by engaging in an unprofessional relationship, willful dereliction of duty for providing alcohol to an underage person, and adultery. He was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, hard labor without confinement for 3 months, reduction to Airman First Class (E-3), forfeiture of \$1,400 pay per month for 3 months, and a reprimand. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the adjudged sentence.

15. At Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Senior Airman Alec F. Trusdell was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use and possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 2 months, restriction to base for 60 days, reduction to Airman (E-2), and forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for 2 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the adjudged sentence.

16. At Sheppard AFB, TX, Technical Sergeant Thomas F Schugg was found guilty by military judge alone of violating a lawful regulation by engaging in an unprofessional relationships with a student while assigned as an instructor. He was sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 30 days, reduction to Staff Sergeant (E-5), forfeiture of \$2,000 pay, and a reprimand.

Special Court-Martial Acquittals

17. At Travis AFB, CA, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance.

18. At Ramstein AB, Germany, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer members of wrongful use and distribution of controlled substances.